

REMARKS

Claims 15-28, 30-31, 35-36, and 47 are pending and rejected. Claims 15-16 and 35 are amended. Claims 29, 32-34, 37-46, and 48 were previously canceled; in the present Amendment, claims 30-31 are canceled without prejudice.

Claim Objections

Claim 15 is objected to. Applicants have complied with the Examiner's request to begin substituent variables on a new line except for R1-R5, which Applicants believe is sufficiently clear.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 15-28, 30-31, 35-36, and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 as indefinite. As requested, Applicants have amended claims 15-28, 35-36, and 47 (claims 30-31 are canceled) to define each of the following:

- the structural formula
- that the photosensitizer has the indicated formula,
- that the target tissue is skin, and
- that the animal is a patient

The amendments are supported in the application as filed; no new matter is introduced.

Applicants believe the rejections are completely overcome and respectfully request they be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the application is in complete condition for allowance, and that no fees are due. If fees are required, the Examiner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with questions.

Respectfully submitted,
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